



ISLAM IS THE RELIGION OF SWORD NOT PACIFISM

There is a slogan repeated continuously by apologetic “du’āt” when flirting with the West and that is their statement:

“ISLAM IS THE RELIGION OF PEACE,”

And they mean pacifism by the word peace. They have repeated this slogan so much to the extent that some of them alleged that Islam calls to permanent peace with kufr and the kāfirīn. How far is their claim from the truth, for Allah has revealed Islam to be the religion of the sword, and the evidence for this is so profuse that only a zindīq (heretic) would argue otherwise.

Alī Ibn Abī Tālib (رضي الله عنه) said,

“Allah’s Messenger (صلى الله عليه و سلم) was sent with four swords:

a sword for the mushrikīn,

{AND WHEN THE SACRED MONTHS HAVE PASSED, THEN KILL THE MUSHRIKĪN WHEREVER YOU FIND THEM}

(Surah At Tawbah 9:5)

A sword for Ahlul-Kitāb,

{FIGHT THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN ALLAH OR IN THE LAST DAY AND WHO DO NOT CONSIDER UNLAWFUL WHAT ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER HAVE MADE UNLAWFUL AND WHO DO NOT ADOPT THE RELIGION OF TRUTH FROM THOSE WHO WERE GIVEN THE BOOK – [FIGHT THEM] UNTIL THEY GIVE THE JIZYAH WILLINGLY WHILE THEY ARE HUMBLLED}

(Surah At Tawbah 9:29)

A sword for the munāfiqīn,

{O PROPHET, FIGHT AGAINST THE KUFFĀR AND THE MUNĀFIQĪN}

(Surah At Tawbah 9:73)

And a sword for the bughāt (rebellious aggressors),

{THEN FIGHT AGAINST THE GROUP THAT COMMITS BAGHY (AGGRESSION) UNTIL IT RETURNS TO THE ORDINANCE OF ALLAH}

(Surah Al Hujurāt 49:9)

[Tafsīr Ibn Kathīr]

He also revealed the sword against the apostates,

{O YOU WHO HAVE BELIEVED, WHOEVER OF YOU SHOULD REVERT FROM HIS RELIGION – ALLAH WILL BRING FORTH A PEOPLE HE WILL LOVE AND WHO WILL LOVE HIM [WHO ARE] HUMBLE TOWARD THE BELIEVERS, MIGHTY AGAINST THE DISBELIEVERS; THEY STRIVE IN THE CAUSE OF ALLAH AND DO NOT FEAR THE BLAME OF A CRITIC}

(Surah Al Mā'idah 5:54)

This verse is a fundamental basis for the obligation to fight against the apostate parties.

At-Tabarī reported in his tafsīr that amongst the Salaf, ‘Alī Ibn Abī Tālib, Qatādah, al-Hasan al-Basrī, ad-Dahhāk, and Ibn Jurayj said this verse encompassed Abū Bakr (Allah’s sword against apostasy), his companions (رضي الله عنه), and their war against the apostates – the followers of Musaylamah al-Kadhdhāb and those who resisted the obligation of zakāh.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) also sent down iron alongside the revelation to consolidate His religion by the sword forged with iron.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

{WE HAVE SENT OUR MESSENGERS WITH CLEAR EVIDENCES AND SENT DOWN WITH THEM THE SCRIPTURE AND THE BALANCE THAT THE PEOPLE MAY MAINTAIN [THEIR AFFAIRS] IN JUSTICE. AND WE SENT DOWN IRON, WHEREIN IS GREAT MILITARY MIGHT AND BENEFITS FOR THE PEOPLE, AND SO THAT ALLAH MAY MAKE EVIDENT THOSE BELIEVING IN THE UNSEEN WHO SUPPORT HIM AND HIS MESSENGERS. INDEED, ALLAH IS POWERFUL AND EXALTED IN MIGHT}
(Surah Al Hadīd 57:25)

Ibn Taymiyyah (رحيم الله) said,

“THE BASIS OF THE RELIGION IS A GUIDING BOOK AND SUPPORTING SWORD”
[MAJMU’ AL-FATAWĀ]

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) also described what should be struck with the sword,

{REMEMBER WHEN YOUR LORD REVEALED TO THE ANGELS, “I AM WITH YOU, SO STRENGTHEN THOSE WHO HAVE BELIEVED. I WILL CAST TERROR INTO THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO DISBELIEVED, SO STRIKE [THEM] UPON THE NECKS AND STRIKE FROM THEM EVERY FINGERTIP”}
(Surah Al Anfāl 8:12)

He (سبحانه وتعالى) also said,

{SO WHEN YOU MEET THOSE WHO DISBELIEVE, STRIKE THEIR NECKS UNTIL, WHEN YOU HAVE INFLICTED SLAUGHTER UPON THEM, THEN SECURE THEIR BONDS, AND EITHER [CONFER] FAVOR AFTERWARDS OR RANSOM [THEM] UNTIL THE WAR LAYS DOWN ITS BURDENS}
(Surah Muhammad 47:4)

HIS MESSENGER (صلى الله عليه وسلم) ALSO DESCRIBED THE SWORD AS THE SALVATION FROM EVIL AND FITNAH. HE (صلى الله عليه وسلم) ALSO DESCRIBED THE SWORD AS BEING THE KEY TO JANNAH
[Reported by Ibn Abī Shaybah on the authority of Abū Mūsā]

He also declared that his worldly provision was placed for him in the shade of his spear and that the best livelihood for the Muslim in the future is what he takes with his sword from the kāfir enemy.

So, how can the zanādiqah (heretics) or even those who blindly follow them – Trump, Bush, Obama, and Kerry – obstinately claim that

“Islam is a religion of peace,” meaning pacifism?

One of the biggest shubuhāt propagated by the heretics is the linguistic root for the word Islam.

They claim it comes from the word Salam (peace), when in actuality it comes from words meaning submission and sincerity sharing the same consonant root.

Shaykhul-Islām Ibn Taymiyyah (رحيم الله) said:

“I MENTIONED BEFORE IN PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED PRINCIPLES THAT ISLAM – THE RELIGION OF ALLAH WITH WHICH HE REVEALED HIS BOOKS AND SENT HIS MESSENGERS – IS THAT THE SLAVE YUSLIM (SUBMITS) TO ALLAH, THE LORD OF THE CREATION, AND THUS, HE YASTASLIM (SUBMITS) TO ALLAH ALONE WITHOUT GIVING HIM PARTNERS AND THAT HE BE SĀLIM (PURELY) FOR HIM, IN THAT HE WORSHIPS HIM WHILE NOT WORSHIPPING OTHER THAN HIM, AS IS MADE CLEAR BY THE BEST WORD AND THE HEAD OF ISLAM LĀ ILĀHA ILLALLĀH. AND IT HAS TWO OPPOSITES: KIBR AND SHIRK. FOR THIS REASON, IT WAS REPORTED THAT NŪH (‘ALAYHIS-SALĀM) ORDERED HIS CHILDREN WITH LĀ ILĀHA ILLALLĀH AND SUBHĀNALLĀH AND FORBADE THEM FROM KIBR AND SHIRK

[Reported by Imām Ahmad on the authority of ‘Abdullāh Ibn ‘Amr]

AS IN A HADITH I MENTIONED ELSEWHERE. INDEED, THE ONE WHO ABSTAINS DUE TO ARROGANCE FROM WORSHIPPING ALLAH DOES NOT WORSHIP HIM, SO HE IS NOT MUSTASLIM (SUBMITTING) TO HIM, AND HE WHO WORSHIPS HIM AND WORSHIPS OTHERS WITH HIM IS A MUSHRIK TOWARDS HIM, SO HE IS NOT SĀLIM FOR HIM, RATHER HE HAS SHIRK TOWARDS HIM. THE WORD ISLAM INCLUDES THE TWO MEANINGS, ISTISLĀM (SUBMISSION) AND SALĀMAH WHICH IS SINCERITY. AND IT IS KNOWN THAT ALL THE MESSENGERS WERE SENT WITH THE GENERAL ISLAM CONSISTING OF THIS”

[Al-Īmān al-Awsat]

He (رحيم الله) also said:

“The word ‘Islam’ can be used in two ways, transitively, as in His statement,

{AND WHO IS BETTER IN RELIGION THAN ONE WHO ASLAMA (SUBMITS) HIMSELF TO ALLAH WHILE BEING A DOER OF GOOD}

(Surah An Nisā’ 4:125)

And His statement,

{I HAVE ASLAMTU (SUBMITTED) MYSELF TO ALLAH, AND SO HAVE THOSE WHO FOLLOW ME. AND SAY TO THOSE WHO WERE GIVEN THE SCRIPTURE AND TO THE UNLEARNED, “HAVE YOU ASLAMTUM (SUBMITTED)?” AND IF THEY ASLAMŪ (SUBMIT), THEY ARE RIGHTLY GUIDED; BUT IF THEY TURN AWAY – THEN UPON YOU IS ONLY THE DUTY OF NOTIFICATION. AND ALLAH IS SEEING OF THE SERVANTS}
(Āl ‘Imrān 3:20)

And his statement (صلى الله عليه و سلم) in the du‘ā’ before sleep,

‘I ASLAMTU (HAVE SUBMITTED) MYSELF TO YOU’

[Reported by al-Bukhārī and Muslim on the authority of al-Barā’ Ibn ‘Āzib]

It is also used intransitively, as in His statement,

{WHEN HIS LORD SAID TO HIM, ASLIM (SUBMIT), HE SAID “I ASLAMTU (HAVE SUBMITTED) TO THE LORD OF THE WORLDS”}
(Surah Al Baqarah 2:131)

And it encompasses two meanings, the first is obedience and submission; the second is dedicating that sincerely to Him alone, as in His statement,

{ALLAH PRESENTS AN EXAMPLE: A SLAVE OWNED BY QUARRELING PARTNERS AND ANOTHER SALAM (PURELY) FOR ONE MAN – ARE THEY EQUAL IN COMPARISON? PRAISE BE TO ALLAH! BUT MOST OF THEM DO NOT KNOW}
(Surah Az Zumar 39:29)

Its incarnation is the statement LA ILAHA ILLALLAH”
[Al-Īmān al-Awsat]

He (رحيم الله) also said:

“Rather Islam is istislām (submission) to Allah alone. The word Islam entails istislām and dedicating such sincerely to Allah. More than one scholar has mentioned this including the specialists in Arabic such as Abū Bakr Ibn al- Anbārī and others.

Some of the commentators have considered these two meanings to be two different interpretations, as a group of them including al-Baghawī said,

‘THE MUSLIM IS THE MUSTASLIM (SUBMITTER) TO ALLAH. IT HAS ALSO BEEN SAID HE IS THE MUKHLIS (SINCERE ONE).’ THE REALITY IS THAT THE MUSLIM IS HE WHO GATHERS BOTH MEANINGS IN HIMSELF, FOR WHOEVER DOES NOT YASTASLIM (SUBMIT) TO HIM, IS NOT A MUSLIM, AND WHOEVER ISTASLAM (SUBMITTED) TO OTHER THAN HIM AS HE DOES FOR HIM, IS NOT A MUSLIM. WHOEVER ISTASLAM (SUBMITTED) TO HIM ALONE IS A MUSLIM,

As in the Qur’ān,

{YES, WHOEVER ASLAMA (SUBMITS) HIS FACE TO ALLAH WHILE BEING A DOER OF GOOD WILL HAVE HIS REWARD WITH HIS LORD. AND NO FEAR WILL THERE BE CONCERNING THEM, NOR WILL THEY GRIEVE}

(Surah Al Baqarah 2:112)

[An-Nubūwāt]

It is clear then that salām (peace) is not the basis of the word Islam, although it shares the same consonant root (s-l-m) and is one of the outcomes of the religion’s sword, as the sword will continue to be drawn, raised, and swung until ‘Īsā (Jesus - عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) kills the Dajjāl (the Antichrist) and abolishes the jizyah.

Thereafter, kufr and its tyranny will be destroyed; Islam and its justice will prevail on the entire Earth.

“THEN, IT WILL BE SAID TO THE EARTH, LET YOUR FRUITS GROW AND YIELD YOUR BLESSINGS. ON THAT DAY, A GROUP WILL EAT FROM A SINGLE POMEGRANATE AND TAKE SHADE UNDER ITS BOWL-SHAPED PEEL. MILK WILL BE BLESSED SO MUCH SO THAT THE YOUNG FEMALE CAMEL WILL SUFFICE A VERY LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE, AND A YOUNG FEMALE COW WILL SUFFICE A TRIBE OF PEOPLE, AND A YOUNG FEMALE SHEEP WILL SUFFICE A CLAN OF PEOPLE”

[Reported by Muslim on the authority of an-Nawwās Ibn Sam‘ān]

“THE SKY WILL BE PERMITTED TO POUR ITS RAIN AND THE LAND TO YIELD ITS PLANTS, SO EVEN IF YOU WERE TO PLANT A SEED ON A STONE, IT WOULD SPRING. THERE WILL BE NO RIVALRIES, NO ENVY, NO HATRED, TO THE POINT THAT A MAN WILL PASS BY A LION YET IT WON’T HARM HIM, AND STEP ON A SNAKE YET IT WON’T HARM HIM”

[Reported by ad-Diyā’ and ad-Daylamī on the authority of Abū Hurayrah]

“AND THE VENOM OF EVERY VENOMOUS CREATURE WILL BE REMOVED, TO THE POINT THAT A NEWBORN BOY WILL PLACE HIS HAND IN THE MOUTH OF A SNAKE AND IT WILL NOT HARM HIM. A NEWBORN GIRL WILL MAKE A LION FLEE AND IT WILL NOT HARM HER. THE WOLF WILL BE AMONGST SHEEP LIKE THEIR GUARD DOG. THE EARTH WILL BE FILLED WITH PEACE JUST AS A JAR IS FILLED WITH WATER. THE WORD WILL BE ONE – NO ONE WILL BE WORSHIPPED BUT ALLAH. AND WAR WILL LAY DOWN ITS BURDENS”

[Reported by Ibn Mājah on the authority of Abū Ummah]

THEREAFTER, SWORDS WILL REST FROM WAR ONLY TO BE USED AS SICKLES

[Reported by Imām Ahmad on the authority of Abū Hurayrah]

But until then, parties of kāfirīn will continue to be struck down by the unsheathed sword of Islam – except for those who enter into īmān (Islamic faith) or amān – for there will always be a party of Muslims fighting parties of kāfirīn until there is no more fitnah and the religion is completely for Allah alone.